

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CAPITA GLAMORGAN CONSULTANCY
JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee held at the Civic Offices of Bridgend County Borough Council, Bridgend on Monday, 12 January 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Bridgend County Borough Councillors

M. Gregory, R. G. Jenkins, P.J.White (Chair) and J.C.Spanswick

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councillors

A. Crimmings, P. Griffiths and G. Smith

Officers in Attendance

Mr.K.Mulcahy – Business Director (Bridgend County Borough Council)

Mr.S.Humphreys – Head of Legal Planning & Environment

Capita Glamorgan Consultancy

Mr.J.Allard – Business Director

Mr. I. Walsh – Technical Director

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillor G.Thomas (Bridgend County Borough Council) and County Borough Councillors S.Bradwick and S.Lloyd (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council).

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members had no personal interests to declare in matters pertaining to the agenda.

12 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee held on 24th July 2014.

13 COMMUNITY BENEFITS UPDATE

The Committee received the report of the Technical Director of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy outlining community benefits updates in respect of the following:

- Careers Wales/Education Business Partnership
- Engineers in Education Scheme Wales
- Appointments/Secondments of Staff
- Wales Millennium Centre Project
- Charities and Sponsorship
- Sponsored Ben Nevis Climb

and following consideration thereof, it was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

14 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority currently holding that information). Transparency in the accountability for expenditure of public funds within the public sector is outweighed by the fact that the release of information will prejudice the interests of the Joint Committee, consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information by virtue of which the meeting is likely not to be open to the public during its consideration.

15 BUSINESS PROGRESS

The Committee received a business progress report from the Business Director of Capital Glamorgan Consultancy.

Members were informed that 2014 had been a difficult year for the Capital Glamorgan Consultancy with the trend in reduced revenues continuing. However, the outlook for 2015 was brighter and the Director stated that the position should stabilise in 2015 and 2016 allowing the business to consolidate and potentially grow. He further stated that he would provide updates at the next meeting.

Members were also informed of the work being undertaken to develop staff which was key to improving performance. This work would continue in 2015 and details of the development opportunities provided to staff to date were outlined. A summary of the secondment activity within the organisation was also provided.

Reference was then made to the workload of the Consultancy along with the Client Satisfaction figures for December 2014 which showed that the Consultancy was achieving against targets set.

The Business Director responded to various questions raised by Members regarding his report and following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** –

- (1) To note the report.
- (2) To receive an updated business progress report at the next meeting.
- (3) To acknowledge and thank all involved in replacing the Garreg Bridge, Blaengarw and to note that local residents were very pleased with the standard and organisation of the works undertaken during its construction.

**P.J.WHITE
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 11.10 a.m.